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DEPT PASS TREASURY FOR DEPUTY ASST SECY ARNOLD NACHMANOFF

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1. U.S. HAS HUNG THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE AGENDA FOR 9TH SPECIAL SESSION TDB. THE TEXT OF THE AGENDA FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

- 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.
- 2. PROPOSALS MADE BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OTHER VIEWS EXPRESS-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ED IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE IGG OF DEBT EXPERTS REPORTED IN DOCUMENT TD/B/670. (MISSION NOTE - PROPOSALS ARE THE TWO G-19 DEBT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AT CIEC. END MISSION NOTE.)

3. PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 94 (IV) REVIEW OF ACTIONS CONCERNING THE INDEBTEDNESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR, THE DISCERNING OF FEATURES WHICH COULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN OPERATIONS

RELATING TO DEBT PROBLEMS.

- 4. CONSIDERATION OF DECISION 149 (XVI) RELATING TO LEAST DEVELOPED, DEVELOPING ISLAND AND LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
- 5. (TO BE DECIDED IN THE LIGHT OF DISCUSSION AT THE RESUMED FIRST PART OF THE 9TH SPECIAL SESSION.)
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS.
- 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT.

END TEXT

- 2. ALL ITEMS OTHER THAN ITEM 2 ARE AGREED. U.S. HAS INSISTED ITEM 2 BEGIN WITH WORDS "REVIEW OF". G-77 WANTED THE WORDS "IMMEDIATE ACTION ON" BUT FELL BACK ON THE WORD "CONSIDERATION". U.S., THROUGH GROUP B, COUNTERED WITH THE WORD "DISCUSSION" BUT FELT IT COULD GO NO FURTHER WITH PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED AS COMPROMISE ABOVE TEXT BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY WITH WORD PROPOSALS. U.S. DEL CONSIDERS WE CANNOT ON BASIS PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS CAN NOT ACCEPT THIS SUGGESTION EITHER.
- 3. U.S. WITH SUPPORT OF GROUP B HAS SAID IT WOULD ACCEPT TEXT WITH INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT STATING THAT "GROUP B AS A WHOLE UNDERSTANDS ITEM 2 OF THE AGENDA IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSION BY THE MINISTERS". G-77 HAS REJECTED THIS IDEA.

- 4. WE SEE OPTIONS AS FOLLOWS:
- (A) ACCEPT THE WORDS "CONSIDERATION OF" WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE G-77.
- (B) ACCEPT PRESENT AGENDA AS IS WITHOUT INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT. THIS IS PREFERENCE REMAINDER GROUP B. A POSSIBLE VARIATION WOULD BE TO INSIST ON INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT BUT IN THIS CASE G-77 WOULD MAKE STATEMENT OF THEIR INTERPRETATION.
- (C) HOLD TIGHT WITH PRESENT POSITION WHICH COULD CAUSE A DISPUTED AGENDA GOING INTO THE MINISTERIAL. IT WOULD POSSIBLY HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON 31ST RESUMED GA.
- 5. RECOMMENDATION: U.S. DEL RECOMMENDS THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORDS "CONSIDERATION OF" TO BEGIN ITEM 2. THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO G-77 AND GROUP B. WE ALSO SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER ABOVE TEXT COULD BE ACCEPTED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT IT IS IMPLICIT THAT TWO OR THREE DAY MINISTERIAL WHICH WOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE MAJOR ITEM ON AGENDA WOULD IN NO EVENT DO MORE THAN HAVE BROAD

DISCUSSIONS THESE PROPOSALS. THIS COURSE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES.

6. PLENARY ADJOURNED 5 AM SATURDAY MORNING AND WILL RESUME 5 PM SATURDAY (NOON WASHINGTON). GROUP B MEETS AT 3:30 PM. URGENTLY NEED GUIDANCE BY THEN. VANDEN HEUVEL

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